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The Honorable Albert C. Hall
Assistant Secretary (Intelligence)
Department of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Dr. Hall:

The DCI has asked that I respond to your letter of May 12, 1975, in which you highlight the need to establish a focal point for coordination of intelligence community satellite communication requirements with the Director, Defense Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems (DTACCS). The suggestion is timely. I am aware of Tom Reed's concern over the increasing number and variety of such requirements, which could absorb a sizeable portion of the capacity of the Defense Satellite Communications Systems (DSCS) in both normal and crisis type situations.

The DCI concurs in your proposal that Al Albrecht serve as the action point of contact between the intelligence community and DTACCS. I would appreciate Mr. Albrecht's keeping the Chairman of the IHC/USIB directly informed where there are matters of which this office in its USIB role can be helpful. I am advised that the IRAC R&D Council has expressed concern over the prospect of burgeoning community communications requirements. At an appropriate time, I suggest that Mr. Albrecht may wish to report to the Council on his support to you and the DCI in these matters.

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Sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

Samuel V. Wilson
Lieutenant General, USA
Deputy to the DCI for the
Intelligence Community

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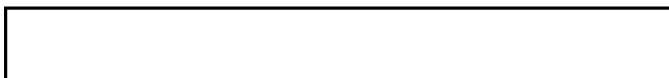
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ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
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12 MAY 1975

Honorable William E. Colby
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear Bill:

A need has developed to provide a focal point for future intelligence requirements levied against Defense Satellite Communication Systems (DSCS). New remoted intelligence collection, dissemination and communication requirements require a significant portion of the capacity of planned satellite communication systems.

These intelligence programs need to be coordinated and evaluated before being passed onto the communications community as firm satellite requirements. Normal and crisis type communication requirements should be considered. Sufficient contingency capacity should also be provided to allow for forecasting limitations and the lead time necessary to procure new satellite systems.

An interagency review committee has been suggested as one solution to this problem. In my view, a single point of contact charged to establish and maintain the necessary coordination between the intelligence community and the Director, Telecommunications and Command and Control Systems is a more effective solution. It would also provide greater protection for the sensitive intelligence programs which are involved. Accordingly, I propose designating my Director for Systems Evaluation, Mr. Albert P. Albrecht, as the point of contact for coordinating intelligence community satellite communication requirements. This proposed course of action has been coordinated with Mr. Tom Reed, the Director of DTACCS. I would appreciate your concurrence and support.

Sincerely,

Albert C. Hall
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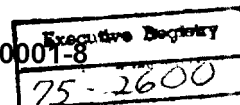
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Honorable William E. Colby
Director
Central Intelligence Agency
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Bill:

I believe you and I share the concern that the massive array of detailed intelligence requirements needed to reflect DoD's total interest in foreign military capability may distract our attention (and so our collection efforts) from that small group of questions whose answers would profoundly effect our long-term technical strategy and materiel acquisition decisions. It may well be, of course, that all the right questions are carried in the requirement books and are receiving collection attention. Nevertheless, I suspect that the great difficulty inherent in getting the information needed for such questions makes it easy for them to slip from the high level attention and pressure that would make collection more likely.

One way to keep this from happening is to periodically stimulate a special, short lived study activity to make a fresh review, bring to the surface the critical questions already on record and suggest new ones. With your permission, then, I would like to ask the Defense Science Board to give attention to this problem during their two-week Summer Study in August. To be successful, of course, the Board would have to make its plans and conduct the study in close collaboration with your community officers and staff and to this end I seek your support. I understand that [redacted] who has begun some tentative planning with the Scientific and Technical Intelligence Committee of USIB and with the Collecting and Processing Assessment Division of the IC staff.

Sincerely,

Malcolm R. Currie

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